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Kymberlee Keckler
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Dear Ms Keckler:

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR TANKS 42,
45 AND 48, TANK FARM 4

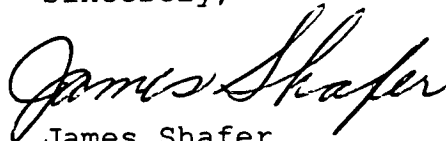
Thank you for your comments of December 15, 1999 on the Supplemental Site Investigation Report for Tanks 42, 45 and 48 at Tank Farm 4, dated September 1999. The report was prepared under the Navy's Underground Storage Tank (UST) program. Although the report is titled a Supplemental Site Investigation, a familiar CERCLA term, it was not prepared as part of the CERCLA program. The purpose of the report is to comply with RIDEM "Regulations for Underground Storage Facilities Use for Petroleum Products and Hazardous Materials". The RIDEM regulations require preparation of Site Investigation reports in response to releases from regulated USTs under Section 14 of those regulations.

The Navy appreciates the comments provided and will use them along with comments to be provided from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management when finalizing the subject document. Please contact Mr. Brian Helland at (610) 595-0567 extension 124, if you have any questions regarding the Navy's UST Program.

The Navy does not intend to use the results of this report to justify findings under the Federal Facilities Agreement (CERCLA). As you are aware, the Navy, U.S. EPA and RIDEM recently agreed to schedules for study related deliverables for Tank Farm 4, as well as other sites under the NAVSTA Newport Federal Facilities Agreement.

I look forward to working with you and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management under the Federal Facilities Agreement for all FFA related sites at NAVSTA Newport. Please contact me at (610) 595-0567, extension 241, if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Shafer".

James Shafer
Remedial Project Manager
By direction of the
Commanding Officer

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